

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 688

By Burks

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Jimmie Webber on the occasion of her retirement from adult education.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in recognizing an exemplary educator who positively influenced the lives and learning of her students for thirty-five years; and

WHEREAS, Jimmie Webber recently retired as the principal of Putnam County Adult High School after twenty years of meritorious service to the county's adult learners; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Webber was part of the team that established the high school twenty years ago and served as one of its first teachers; and

WHEREAS, she was later promoted to teaching principal and continued to teach English courses; and

WHEREAS, although she was initially intimidated by the classroom, Ms. Webber soldiered on like a true Volunteer and used her father's example as inspiration; he enlisted in the Navy and headed off to war instead of finishing high school; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Webber enjoyed seeing her students gain confidence as they progressed on their respective paths to success and relished learning of their career accomplishments after graduation; and

WHEREAS, perhaps her greatest job satisfaction came when the local public television station, WCTE, produced a classroom video based upon a book written by one of her students, a book that sold well nationally and internationally; and

WHEREAS, during her illustrious 35-year career as an educator, Ms. Webber taught GED and other adult learning classes, taught on an adjunct basis at Tennessee Tech and

Motlow College, worked as an instructor for the English Language Institute, and operated The Learning Connection, all in addition to raising three sons; and

WHEREAS, Jimmie Webber distinguished herself as a compassionate motivator during her thirty-five years in the classroom, and she should be recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor Jimmie Webber on the occasion of her retirement from Putnam County Adult High School, commend her outstanding career in adult education, and extend our best wishes for much continued success and happiness in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.